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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: MARTIN VISIT

1. AMB MARTIN, COORDINATOR FOR US PARTICIPATION IN
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC), ROME, NOVEMBER 5-16, MET
WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF GOE TO DISCUSS OBJECTIVES OF

BOTH COUNTRIES IN RELATION TO THAT MEETING, AND TO
EXAMINE EGYPTIAN AND WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS.

2. IN MEETING WITH MINISTER OF SUPPLY MAGHRABY,
MARTIN WAS INFORMED ABOUT PROBLEMS, SUPPLY OF VARIOUS
COMMODITIES, EGYPTIAN OUTPUT IN GENERAL, REQUIREMENTS
AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. MARTIN OUTLINED
CURRENT WORLD FOOD SITUATION INDICATING ANTICIPATED
PRODUCTION OF MAJOR CROPS. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON MATTERS
RELATED TO FERTILIZERS AND ENERGY SOURCES. MAGHRABY
PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING EGYPTIAN FERTILIZER
SITUATION AND RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE PROJECT IN

WHICH EGYPT WOULD SERVE AS FOOD STORAGE AREA FOR
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REGION AS A WHOLE. MAGHRABY ALSO MENTIONED AMONG OTHER

THINGS PREVIOUS USAID PROJECT TO BUILD SILOS IN EGYPT
AND REMARKED THAT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE RENEWED
EFFORTS TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THIS PROJECT.

3. IN MEETIOG WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARY RIAD, EGYPTIAN
PARTICIPATION IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WAS DISCUSSED.
THERE WAS AGREEMENT DELS OF BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD
COOPERATE TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL OBJECTIVES. RIAD INDICATED
THAT HE WOULD NOT BE MEMBER OF DEL TO WFC, BUT HE
WOULD BE ATTENDING WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE IN
BUCHAREST. RIAD SAID,
AND MARTIN AGREED, THAT THESE
TWO CONFERENCES WERE IN FACT VERY MUCH RELATED. SO
WERE LOS CONFERENCE AND FUTURE WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE.
THERE SHOULD BE GREATER COORDINATION BETWEEN THESE
CONFERENCES SINCE THEY ALL WERE IMPORTANT FACETS OF
SAME GENERAL PROBLEM.

4. MARTIN ALSO MET WITH MINAG ZAKI, WHO WILL ATTEND
WFC. ZAKI REVIEWED EGYPTIAN FOOD PRODUCTION SITUATION
AND ELABORATED ON A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS, MOST NOTABLY
FERTILIZER AND INSECTICIDE REQUIREMENTS.

5. EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY
APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY MARTIN VISIT TO
DISCUSS FOOD PRODUCTION AND IMPORT PROBLEMS AND TO
COORDINATE PREPARATIONS FOR WFC.
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